

**District V Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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**August 4, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

**Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse  
443 S. 135<sup>th</sup> West**

Six (6) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Eight (8) City Staff were present and approximately 20 members of the public of which six signed the signup sheet.

**Members Present**

Bob Bulman  
Sean Cash  
David Dennis  
Andy Johnson  
John Marker  
Teresa Schmidt  
Council Member Bob Martz

**Staff Present**

Sarah Gilbert, Career Development  
Officer C.A. Mains, Police  
Sgt. Jerry Quick, Police  
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

**Members Absent**

Dave Almes  
Fran Hoggatt  
Maurice Ediger

**Guests**

David Finley, 8406 Northridge  
Clete Dold, 218 S. Breezy Pt. Circle

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by **Council Member Bob Martz** who welcomed the public and explained the role of the District Advisory Board as advisory to the Council Member as the elected representative for City Council District V.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

The minutes for July 7, 2003 were approved as written by a unanimous vote of 6:0. The meeting agenda was amended by deleting items #1, *Great Plains Nature Center*, and #6, *Naming of Fire Stations*.

**Public Agenda**

*This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present issues that are not part of the regular agenda for the meeting.*

**Clete Dold, Breezy Lakes Homeowner Association**, presented a folder of information on the use of a neighborhood grant awarded to the HOA last year by the District Advisory Board. He also reported that most of the previous concerns had been addressed but that the medians along Maple Street had not yet been completed with landscaping and the weeds were an eyesore. He acknowledged that Public Works had reported that everything would be completed this fall. **Council Member Martz** thanked Mr. Dold for his report.

## **Staff Presentations**

### **Police Reports**

**Sgt. Jerry Quick, Traffic**, reported on efforts in two areas: (1) the intersection of Zoo Boulevard & I-235 Highway, and (2) Aberdeen Homeowners Association in the northeast section of the West 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 119<sup>th</sup> Street area. Quick said that the Zoo & I-235 intersection had been the highest accident area last year with 36 accidents over the \$500 reporting threshold. Quick reported that Police had worked with Traffic Engineering to install a protected left-turn light that had greatly improved the traffic flow. In fact, he said that only three (3) accidents had been reported for this year.

**Quick** stated that Police are using the radar trailer extensively including the Aberdeen area and other neighborhoods. He said the traffic counts and speeds from the data recorded with the trailer had helped determine if traffic problems, especially speeding, truly exist. In the case of Aberdeen, it appears that the number of cars is normal and speeding does not occur regularly.

**Bulman** asked if the shift change to four 10-hour days at the West Patrol Station is working to which **Quick** said that overtime had definitely been reduced but the evaluation phase coming soon would provide better information. **Bulman** asked if the DAB could receive a report after the evaluation information is available.

**Dennis** asked what had prompted the protected left-turn light at the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> & 119<sup>th</sup> Streets, as it seems to be a very long light. **Quick** said that the streets are heavily traveled and the left-turn lane was probably preventing people from taking chances on turning—the typical situation in most accidents—but that he would check with Traffic Engineering as some lights have a sensor that trips the left-turn light based on cars waiting.

**Council Member Martz** asked if the signal light at I-235 exit & Zoo Boulevard changed at different times of the day to meet the traffic demands. He said he had sat through three (3) traffic light changes that day with traffic backed up on the highway. **Quick** said he would ask about it.

**Johnson** asked if plans had been made for installing a traffic light at 119<sup>th</sup> & Central to which **Quick** said he understood that was part of the Central Street expansion. **Dold** asked whether vandalism had increased. **Community Police Office Mains** took the question, saying the numbers were probably typical for this time of year with school out and garages & cars left unlocked more.

**Officer Mains** continued with his report saying the new beat, #199, had been established in District V. He reported that two youth had been apprehended in association with the repeated theft that had been occurring at auto dealers. It is believed that two youth were responsible for the majority of the incidents.

Officer Mains reminded everyone about National Night Out the next day, August 5<sup>th</sup>, as a nationwide event in which neighbors host a neighborhood event in the evening to become better acquainted in an effort to prevent crime. He said that Police have a list of all organized

events in District V and would be glad to provide the information to any DAB Member interested in attending.

**Mains** said that youth gathering at businesses had increased in the area of 21<sup>st</sup> & Ridge at Backyard Burgers and a bank that allowed the youth to join the customized car enthusiasts who congregate in the parking area each weekend. He said that 37<sup>th</sup> & West Street around Ritchie Paving was another site where youth gather. The TAZ (Targeted Affidavit Zone) is the program that Police use to work with businesses with problems that stem from the youth meeting on the business property after hours of operation.

**Action: Received and filed.**

### **Residency Requirement for City Boards & Commissions**

**Dana Brown, City Manager's Office**, presented an item referred by the Council to consider revising the city residency requirement for four (4) technical boards of Mechanical, Plumbers, Electrical, and Code of Standards and Appeals. Currently, residency in Wichita is required for all boards & commissions. Representatives of the local construction industry contend that it is often difficult to identify licensed, qualified city residents to service on these boards. At City Council's request, staff had presented options including (1) retain the current residency requirement for all boards & commissions; (2) modify the residency policy for all boards/commissions on the same basis as City personnel (to live within a 30-minute lawful driving distance; (3) abolish the residency requirement for advisory boards/commissions but limit the number of non-residents to no more than 25% (rounded) members (i.e., two for seven-member boards/commissions and four for 15-member boards/commissions; and (4) modify the residency policy for only the technical boards identified.

With no questions from the Board, **David Finley, Executive Director for Mechanical, Plumbing, and Sheet Metal Trade Association**, spoke about the need for skilled tradespersons to serve on the city boards. He focused on the responsibility of the boards to ensure that trades people are licensed properly and provide skilled service. He said that the Board has the power to pull licenses. Finley explained that many business owners of these trades who would like to serve on these boards own a trade business in Wichita but live outside the city for reasons such as their children attending smaller schools, etc.

**Council Member Martz** reviewed how appointments were made to the subject city boards with most being were either 5 or 7-member boards. He pointed out that on seven-member boards, six out of seven hold licenses with one member being an "at-large" member. He stated that most of the boards being discussed favor allowing a designated number of the board members from outside Wichita.

**Finley** said that the Trade Association had formed an advisory council for the industry to present a unified voice regarding such matters. **Bulman** noted that having residents of Wichita serve on a city board is a vested interest issue. **Council Member Martz** pointed out that the only boards being considered for allowing a certain portion of the membership, as non-Wichita residents were the technical boards, not all city advisory boards. He said the advisory boards would remain as all Wichita residents.

**Finley** said that the role of the technical boards was to review & recommend amendments to city code as well as act as liaisons between the industry and the Office of Central Inspection. They also keep updated on new techniques or technology for the industry.

**Dennis** stated that he thought the members of these boards needed to be city residents.

**Johnson** said he thought that all of the advisory board members should definitely be city residents. However, if the City was having difficulty finding qualified people who live in the city to serve on the technical boards that he would be in favor of a limited number from outside the city. **Schmidt** agreed that allowing two members per board would be acceptable to her.

**Cash (Bulman)** moved to support allowing two members of each technical board identified to be non-Wichita residents but retain the current policy for all advisory boards to be comprised of only Wichita residents. Motion passed 4:2.

**Action: Recommended by a vote of 4:2 to allow two members of each technical board including Mechanical, Plumbers, Electrical, and Code of Standards and Appeals to be non-Wichita residents and retain the current policy for all city advisory boards to be comprised of only Wichita residents.**

#### **Community Services Block Grant Committee**

**Sarah Gilbert**, Career Development Services, presented information on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Review Committee and that DAB Members have been utilized in the past for this committee. She explained the role of the committee as providing input and review for the annual application for CSBG funds and other associated activities. Gilbert asked for DAB Members to consider volunteering for either appointment to the Review Committee or stand for election, if not appointed. She explained that four members are appointed by City Council as Members of the Public; four members are elected; and, four others represent the different sectors of the community such as Business, Low-Income, etc. Gilbert also said that the Committee meets about four times each year for about an hour and a half (90 minutes) and that meetings are set on an as needed basis.

**Action: District Advisory Board members said they would consider either volunteering or being agreeable to stand for election to the CSBG Review Committee.**

#### **Board Agenda**

**Council Member Martz** asked if Members had any issues or concerns to bring up. **Bulman** reported that activity is occurring on 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Barefoot Bay area but it is industrial development so no zone change is required.

**Marker** asked about the Lillie Addition planning request that was previously reviewed by the DAB and was to be brought back with additional information. **Council Member Martz** said the case was to be brought back for the September 8<sup>th</sup> DAB V meeting.

**Dennis** asked the status of the planned public meeting to provide updates on flood control in District V. **Council Member Martz** said that the City is still waiting on the Corps of

Engineers to respond. He said that he and several City staff had toured the area and other related sites with State Representative Tiahart. **Johnson** asked if the NW Water Reclamation Facility was open now to which **Council Member Martz** said yes, it had opened and is discharging into the Cowskin Creek. He encouraged members to visit the facility as it is being used for fishing, family picnics, and walking on the walking path. **Council Member Martz** also said that the Water Center in Herman Hill Park was open now and its focus is education. The contaminated water from the Gilbert & Mosley area undergoes a cleaning process and then flows into the Water Center for re-use in the native fish aquarium and education activities.

**Council Member Martz** reminded everyone about the National Night Out scheduled for the next day on Tuesday, August 5. He encouraged members to attend a few and said he had a list of all in District V with the address.

**Council Member Martz** also offered tickets to the Wichita Open Golf Tournament and several members indicated they were interested. He also announced that he had arranged for the Members to attend the Wranglers Baseball game on Monday, August 25. He said that the City-County staff game at 5:00 p.m. would precede the Wranglers game and that he had use of the City's skybox for all DAB Members and their guests.

**Council Member Martz** then said that Amy Garcia had resigned from DAB V due to demands of her starting business. Garcia's resignation left two (2) vacancies. Two District V residents, DeAnn Sullivan and Steve Winslow, had expressed interest in serving on the DAB. He stated that he intended to appoint both at the Council meeting the next day. He also said that he would be talking to the high schools in District V about youth members.

**Council Member Martz** talked to the Board about City Budget and the issue with School Resource Officers (SROs). He said that six positions had been established in 1997. Since that time, the City had expanded the number of positions to 21 through a federal grant. The grant recently ended and the City was faced with the decision of continuing support of all SRO positions or establishing new beats for the City's growth through annexation. He said the City had explored with USD 259 how the two agencies might share the support of the positions or utilize one officer for 2-3 schools. USD 259 chose to leave SROs in the high schools and certain middle. He noted that about 25% of the students in District V could benefit from having an SRO at Northwest High School.

In addition, **Council Member Martz** said he believed that services needed to be provided to all residents. He said that he fully supported the SRO Program but couldn't justify funding those positions and not funding the positions for the new areas of Wichita. He said that new beats are needed as well as SROs.

**Officer Main** asked to speak saying that the SRO Program is preventative but the school relies on them to also provide enforcement. He said that Police would continue to provide education presentations in the schools with the DARE Program and others. **Dennis** said he taught at North High School and relies greatly on the SRO in that school. **Council Member Martz** said the City is funding 12 SROs but that safety overall is a top priority for the Council and no lay-offs through budget cuts. He said that some residents had questioned why the City Reserve (Contingency) Fund could not be used to fund the remaining SROs. He explained that if the fund is reduced to a certain level, the City has a greater risk of losing their credit rating used for securing bonds for development. He said the contingency funds are intended for unexpected

emergencies. Council Member Martz also said that the Council would like to be more involved in the budget process.

**Action: Receive and file.**

**Council Member Martz then** reminded everyone that the next meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled for September 8, 2003, the second Monday, due to a conflict with Labor Day on the first Monday. The meeting will be at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant  
City Council District V